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belonged to many professional societies in the field of Sociology. [ ]  
[ ] also commented that JOHNSON never indicated to him any symptoms of being a "professional joiner." He also informed that he doubted that JOHNSON would lend his name to any organizations because he was careful not to place his name where he could not place his mind.

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[ ] advised that he has known JOHNSON since the [ ] at which time JOHNSON was with the National Urban League and was the editor of "Opportunity" Magazine. He recalled that JOHNSON was a member of an advisory committee that he, [ ] established when he, [ ] was editing a volume on the American Negro, which was conducted for the American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia. He stated that he has seen JOHNSON approximately three or four times a year since that period, excepting during the period of about 1939-40, when JOHNSON was preparing a manuscript for the Carnegie Corporation, at which time he saw him frequently. He explained that he, [ ]

[ ] said that there is no question as to JOHNSON's loyalty to the United States. He stated that JOHNSON is a man of excellent character and reputation and a person of good habits about whom he has never heard anything unfavorable. He said that JOHNSON, in his opinion, has been remarkable in his avoidance of "protest leftist groups," which he said are common among many educated Negroes. He said that JOHNSON, to his knowledge, has never been "caught" in any of these groups, such as the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, the Southern Negro Youth Congress, or the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. He further stated that he did not see how JOHNSON could have avoided having had his name used at one time or another by organizations similar to the ones he mentioned, but said that JOHNSON has never been active or prominent in any such organizations that he knew of.

He did inform that JOHNSON had been a member of such organizations as the American Council on Race Relations in Chicago, and was on the Board of Directors of this organization, and he believes that JOHNSON had been associated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League, and some Southern inter-racial conferences whose exact names he could not recall.



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[ ] stated that JOHNSON has spoken quite frankly against discrimination but has been a good strategist in this regard. He also informed that he has read most of JOHNSON's writings and said that they deal mostly with race relations.

[ ] commented that JOHNSON's associations in general are academic in nature and are with leaders in the inter-racial field. He said that he considers JOHNSON's associates to be loyal and patriotic citizens, adding that JOHNSON as well as he undoubtedly knew individuals who were not in this category. He said that in the field of race relations it was impossible not to know some individuals who might be considered not to be loyal and patriotic citizens. However, he added that these individuals certainly were not associates of either JOHNSON or himself, but were people that they met in the course of their studies on race relations.

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He concluded by stating that JOHNSON has been used extensively by the Government as a Negro representative on various assignments, and he said that he would recommend JOHNSON for any position of trust involving loyalty and integrity. He said that he might not recommend JOHNSON for certain positions if a question of his abilities arose because he feels that JOHNSON has been over-emphasized as a great scholar and sociologist.

National Urban League  
1133 Broadway  
New York City

[ ] advised that she has no records relating to JOHNSON's employment with the National Urban League. However, she stated that she has been employed by the National Urban League for many years and personally recalls that JOHNSON came to New York as the Director of the Bureau of Research and Investigations for the National Urban League in the fall of 1921. She also stated that he became editor of "Opportunity" Magazine, which began publication about 1923 and ceased publication several years ago.

She further commented that JOHNSON left his position with the National Urban League during the summer of 1928 to better himself, and it was her recollection that he took a position at this time with the

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Julius Rosenwald Fund in Chicago, and at about the same time took a position in the Social Science Department of Fisk University.

[redacted] informed that while employed by the National Urban League in New York City, JOHNSON resided at an address of 45-30 Smart Street, Flushing, New York. [redacted] mentioned that JOHNSON is a graduate of Virginia Union University and the University of Chicago. She also commented that prior to coming to New York, JOHNSON was employed by the National Urban League in Chicago, and that following the first World War, had been appointed by Governor LOWDEN of Illinois to a committee that investigated the race riots in Chicago following World War I.

She also stated that the headquarters of the Julius Rosenwald Fund was located at 4901 Ellis Avenue in Chicago, and that a Mr. EDWIN G. EMBREE, now deceased, was the Director of this Fund, and that JOHNSON [redacted] were Directors of Race Relations for the Fund. She said that the Rosenwald Fund administered monies to Negro schools in the South and to other philanthropic projects.

[redacted] informed that although she did not personally care for Mr. JOHNSON, she knew nothing to his discredit and described him as being a brilliant and suave person. She stated that he had been a perfect gentleman in his conduct and said that, in her opinion, there is no question as to his loyalty to the United States. She recommended him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

[redacted] JOHNSON [redacted] informed that JOHNSON [redacted]  
[redacted] She also informed that he has [redacted]  
[redacted] but she did not know their present addresses. She said  
that she believed that [redacted] whose name  
was JAY JOHNSON, having died.

[redacted] of the National Urban League, recalled that JOHNSON had been the Director of Research and Investigations for the National Urban League from the early 1920's to about 1928, when he left of his own accord to become associated with Fisk University. [redacted] stated that he himself had not been with the Urban League during this period, and added that none of the members of JOHNSON's staff are presently with the National Urban League. He said that the only person other than himself who would recall JOHNSON's employment is a [redacted]

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who was secretary to the Executive Secretary of the League at the time of JOHNSON's employment.

[redacted] recounted that while with the National Urban League, JOHNSON founded and became the editor of "Opportunity" Magazine, the official journal of the National Urban League which ceased publication several years ago. [redacted] stated that JOHNSON is at the present time a member of the National Board of the National Urban League. He suggested contacting [redacted] of the National Urban League; [redacted] Against Discrimination; and [redacted] at Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania, a former Research Director with the National Urban League.

[redacted] advised that although he was not with the National Urban League during the period of JOHNSON's employment, he has known JOHNSON personally since about 1923. He described JOHNSON as one of the most able scholars in America and an outstanding sociologist who is best known for his work as a sociologist and writer at Fisk University. He said that JOHNSON is a man of outstanding character and reputation with no questions as to his loyalty and patriotism, and said that JOHNSON's associates are persons mostly in the college and scholarly field and, in his opinion, are intellectual and patriotic associations.

[redacted] related that approximately three years ago, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities concerning Communist activity among Negroes, but that he and JOHNSON believed that such testimony was necessary and, accordingly, both appeared and testified.

He further stated that JOHNSON had gone to Japan at the close of World War II for the Government and has had a number of federal assignments to high offices, which included assignments in Liberia and in the Caribbean area. He also mentioned that JOHNSON had been a trustee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, which he described as a social service for Negroes.

[redacted] stated that he knows of no organizations that JOHNSON has ever been connected with, and stated that JOHNSON is a reserved person and not a "joiner." He further related that he did not know if JOHNSON



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had ever been "taken in" by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, adding that this was the only organization that he could think of that JOHNSON might have had some connection with, although he did not know if this were true.

[redacted] continued by saying that JOHNSON is presently one of the several scholars from the United States who will compose a part of the group of seventy-five scholars from all over the world, which group will write the history of man. He said that JOHNSON is well known as a writer on the subject of race relations. He said that JOHNSON has written several books on this subject, and that the book that to him is most indicative of JOHNSON's philosophy is one entitled, "To Stem This Tide." He also stated that JOHNSON had been the originator of a monthly report on race relations which appeared between the years 1943 and 1947 and was published by the Social Science Institute of Fisk University as "A Monthly Summary of Events and Trends in Race Relations."

[redacted] commented that JOHNSON [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] at

[redacted] He advised that he is well acquainted with JOHNSON, having been closely associated with him in the National Urban League, mentioning that JOHNSON was the editor of "Opportunity" Magazine in the 1920's. He said that JOHNSON went to Fisk University in 1928 as a Professor of Sociology and became the school's President about five or six years ago. He further informed that JOHNSON had been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund for philanthropic activities. He also stated that JOHNSON was a member of the Board of the Fair Employment Division of the Civil Service Commission in Washington, D.C.

[redacted] related that JOHNSON's parents are both dead, and said that his [redacted] had taught JOHNSON at Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia. He stated that as far as he knew, JOHNSON has one sister, and said that he did not know JOHNSON's [redacted]

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[redacted] but believed that JOHNSON did have [redacted]  
[redacted] He said that he knew nothing further about [redacted]  
He also mentioned that JOHNSON [redacted] but  
[redacted] It was his belief that  
JOHNSON [redacted] but he knew nothing of them  
personally.

According to [redacted] JOHNSON is a man of excellent character and fine reputation, and said that there is absolutely no reason to question his loyalty to the United States. He commented that he knows of no organizations to which JOHNSON belongs or had belonged, which in any way could be considered as subversive or detrimental to the best interests of the United States. He commented that Fisk University would never tolerate any subversive activity on the part of JOHNSON.

He further mentioned that he would not hesitate to recommend JOHNSON as to his character, associates and loyalty, saying that JOHNSON is a man of high moral integrity who is associated with leading sociological societies, both local and national. He said that JOHNSON is a member of leading educational societies in the United States.

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[redacted] advised that during the early 1920's, at which time JOHNSON was affiliated with the National Urban League in New York City, he, [redacted] was the Secretary of this League in the Mid-West area. He said that when JOHNSON resigned as the editor of "Opportunity" Magazine in 1928, he, [redacted] came to New York City to replace JOHNSON. He informed that this was his first direct contact with JOHNSON and was confined to the month of August, 1928. He said that since this time he has had little contact with JOHNSON.

He described JOHNSON as a highly intelligent man who possesses a vast knowledge of social and economic conditions, and as a man who writes without rancor or prejudice on sociological conditions involving the Negro. He said that JOHNSON is completely honest, both financially and intellectually, and is a loyal American in the highest sense. He also commented that at the time he knew JOHNSON, JOHNSON's habits were exemplary.

[redacted] mentioned that JOHNSON's associations, as he knew them in the 1920's, were the younger Negro writers and artists who

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were interested in the development of the Negro and sciences. He said that these persons at this time were all reputable citizens, but that he could not answer as to what may have happened to some of them as regards their political philosophies in later years.

He stated that JOHNSON himself was never a part of any radical movement, and that with all the people with whom he has been associated, due to the nature of his work in the field of Sociology, he never has given any hint of being disloyal, subversive, or Communistic. He said that JOHNSON has an innate loyalty for the United States and has no illusions about Russia. He said that he would recommend JOHNSON highly for any position of trust with the Government which requires a high degree of intelligence.

[redacted] related that he knows of no organizations to which JOHNSON belongs or may have belonged, excepting that he probably belongs to those organizations which have to do with the field of Sociology and the social sciences. He informed that JOHNSON may have been a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but was never a member of the Board. He also stated that JOHNSON may have been on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union, but that he was not certain of this. He placed the dates of these possible memberships as being about 1923 to 1928.

[redacted] advised that he has met JOHNSON's wife, and that during the early days of their marriage she was loquacious on matters she knew little about in conversations with friends in her own home. He added, however, that since she has grown older she has become wiser and no longer talks as much as she formerly did. He said that this talkativeness of Mrs. JOHNSON was confined to friends of the family and never took the form of public speeches or writings or anything that would be found in the press. He described her as a loyal citizen and as a devoted wife.

[redacted] commented that he does not know JOHNSON [redacted]  
[redacted] He did say that JOHNSON [redacted]  
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[redacted] from Cornell University who is the [redacted]  
of a community survey on the resources of a typical American community. He said that this survey is being conducted under the auspices of Cornell University, and that he had met JOHNSON [redacted] there on one occasion last year.



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[ ] mentioned that JOHNSON's writings deal with the field of race relations and, in his opinion, JOHNSON's most important work is "Patterns of Segregation." He said that JOHNSON in these writings deals with the subject of race relations in such a manner as to avoid offending any race. He confided that the criticism he has of JOHNSON, if it could be called a criticism, is that he is not vociferous and aggressive enough in his statements concerning race relations. He reiterated that he would recommend JOHNSON completely as to his loyalty and reputation.

[ ] suggested contacting a [ ] New York City, who he said has been friendly with JOHNSON over a period of years and knows him well.

Acquaintances

[ ] who resides at [ ] and who is a [ ] Perry, Kelley and Drye, 70 Broadway, New York City, [ ] was interviewed at his office. He advised that he has known JOHNSON for the past several years because of his position as being [ ] He said that he has seen JOHNSON at meetings of the Board and at committee meetings, JOHNSON having been President of Fisk University.

He informed that he regards JOHNSON very highly and has no reason to question his loyalty or patriotism to the United States. He said that JOHNSON is a man of high principles and is outstanding in the field of Sociology and as a college President. He stated that he would recommend JOHNSON very highly for a position of trust and confidence, and further stated that he has met JOHNSON's wife and that she impressed him as being a very fine person. He said that he does not know JOHNSON [ ]

[ ] advised that he has had a close association with JOHNSON for thirty years. He said that he, [ ] and that JOHNSON is a patriotic American with absolutely no question as to his loyalty to the United States. He described him as

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being a man of outstanding character and reputation who associates with reputable American citizens, and as being a scholar who is outstanding in the field of Sociology. He further mentioned that JOHNSON is a member of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and has been abroad for the Government on several occasions. He recommended JOHNSON without qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the Government.

[redacted] mentioned JOHNSON's connection with the Rosenwald Fund and with "Opportunity" Magazine. He said that he did not know of any organizations to which JOHNSON belonged by name, but said that he did belong to sociological and educational organizations as well as scientific organizations. He said that JOHNSON is not identified with any "pressure groups" that he knows of. He stated that JOHNSON may have had some association with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, although he did not know in what capacity. He further commented that he did not see how JOHNSON, because of his position, could have avoided having his name used with similar organizations, although he was unable to inform as to any specific instances wherein this occurred.

[redacted] stated that JOHNSON is well known at Fisk University and that JOHNSON, as well as himself, many years ago took the stand that Fisk University, being a liberal university, should allow all persons a right to express their views to students, but that this did not mean that the university endorsed whatever these persons had to say. He said that he did not mean by this statement that Fisk University tolerated Communism, but explained that this stand had been taken many years ago before Communism was an issue.

[redacted] stated that his remarks relative to JOHNSON applied equally as well to his wife and family. He further stated that [redacted]

[redacted] He also informed that JOHNSON [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted] He also said that JOHNSON [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is presently a delegate to the United Nations in Paris France, and will not return to the United States until February, 1952. She said that his Paris address is the Hotel Crillon, 10 Place de la Concord.

It is to be noted that a Loyalty of Government Employees investigation was conducted on [redacted] in June and July of 1951. By letter dated September 5, 1951 reports covering this investigation were furnished to the Civil Service Commission. As of January 23, 1952 this Bureau had not been advised of the disposition of this case.

[redacted] was interviewed at his office, [redacted] and he advised that he has known JOHNSON for approximately [redacted]. He informed that he himself is a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University and that JOHNSON is the first member of the Negro race to become President of Fisk University, and that the trustees had taken every precaution to be sure that no mistake was made in the appointment of JOHNSON as President of Fisk University.

[redacted] commented that he sees JOHNSON on the average of five or six times each year in connection with meetings relative to Fisk University, and had known him previously in connection with the administration of the Rosenwald Fund, of which JOHNSON was a close advisor, and had known him in connection with the administration of a fund established by [redacted].

[redacted] stated that JOHNSON handles the affairs of Fisk University with great care and conscientiousness and that he feels that he is a responsible person. He stated that JOHNSON is a stable figure and that some time ago he was on a tour of India for the State Department. He further stated that JOHNSON's associates on the Fisk Board are all good and that he has no reason to question JOHNSON's loyalty or patriotism to the United States. He said that JOHNSON has had many opportunities to show if his interests were contrary to the best interests of the United States, and that he has never indicated anything of this nature.

[redacted] stated that he did not know what organizations JOHNSON may be a member of, but assumes that he may have been a member of

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the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Urban League and the Social Science Research Council. He stated that he does not know if JOHNSON had ever been connected with any Communist front groups and said that JOHNSON may have had his name used by Communist front groups, but that regardless of whether he had or not, his opinion of him would not be altered and that he would recommend him for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that in early 1943 the name of [ ] appeared amongst the names of those individuals contributing to the work of the Institute of Pacific Relations. [ ] further stated that as of November 24, 1937, [ ] care of R. H. Macy & Company, New York City, was a member of the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations.

Concerning the Institute of Pacific Relations, 1 East 54th Street, New York City, the following is to be noted:

The Institute of Pacific Relations, founded in 1925 in Hawaii, is an organization engaged in research on the economic, political, and social aspects of countries bordering on the Pacific Ocean. Allegations have been received from confidential sources of this Bureau that during the 1930's the Institute of Pacific Relations was used as a "cover" by Soviet military intelligence agents. Allegations have also been received from LOUIS BUDENZ, Communist Party functionary from 1935 to 1945 and former editor of the "Daily Worker," (an East Coast Communist publication) that the Institute of Pacific Relations was infiltrated and controlled by the Communist Party beginning in 1936. Numerous individuals connected with the Institute, either in an official capacity or as contributors to its publications, "Pacific Affairs" and "Far Eastern Survey," have been cited by BUDENZ as members of the Communist Party, including [ ] [ ] [ ] OWEN LATTIMORE, [ ] all of whom held principal offices in the Institute during the 1930's.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report cites the American Council, Institute of Pacific Relations, as a Communist front which received funds from the American People's Fund, another front [ ] as a repository for funds to be distributed to Communist enterprises.

However, in the Fifth Report of the California Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, 1949, appears: "The Institute of Pacific Relations is an important and influential competitor

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in the market place of public opinion. While it may be an exaggeration to describe it as a Communist front, it is indubitably true that it has been infiltrated by Communists and fellow travelers in the past. The Committee extends its sincere good wishes and the offer of any possible help it can render to protect against such infiltration in the future."

In 1948, [redacted] the American Institute of Pacific Relations, advised that he was determined to dismiss from the organization any person who has Communist leanings. He said that [redacted] and that [redacted] [redacted] had been "eased out" of the Institute.

Miscellaneous

[redacted] American Institute of Pacific Relations, 1 East 54th Street, New York City, made available to SA [redacted] a membership card in the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations for Dr. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Department of Social Science, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, which indicated that he was elected to this position in February of 1938. It was indicated that his occupation was that of Director of the Department of Social Science and it was indicated that his membership was cancelled on January 30, 1941. It was indicated further that on April 12, 1938 he contributed \$5, and under the heading of Remarks, the following was noted: "I have been for a long time interested in the work of this Council, and I am pleased to accept membership in it. I hope to be able to follow its program closely."

[redacted] also made available a book entitled, "Indian-American Relations," dealing with the proceedings of the India-America Conference held in New Delhi, India in December of 1949.

Appendix B of this book listing the Conference membership lists as a member of the American delegation, "C. S. JOHNSON, President, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee."

[redacted] American Institute of Pacific Relations, advised SA [redacted] that his personal acquaintance with JOHNSON was limited to meeting JOHNSON at the New Delhi Conference in 1949. He said that JOHNSON was present at the Conference to

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discuss problems of racial discrimination in the United States, and that JOHNSON had been very conservative in his treatment of this question, and, as a matter of fact, so conservative that [ ] believed that the Indian delegates were a little taken back. He said that this issue was a very serious point in India and that these delegates had expected JOHNSON to be more vociferous on the matter.

He advised that JOHNSON's reputation as being a college President was that of being a leading Negro authority on racial problems in the South, and he was reported to be well educated. He said that he did not know him well enough to furnish comments concerning his loyalty, character, reputation or associates.

[ ] did state that he is of the opinion that the money used to finance JOHNSON's trip to the Conference was donated to the American Institute of Pacific Relations by Independent Aid, Inc., which he said is backed [ ]. He concluded by saying that he believed JOHNSON was selected for the Conference because he was well qualified to speak on the Negro question in America, in addition to the fact that he was available to make the journey to the Conference.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, on April 10, 1945, advised that amongst the names of individuals appearing on stationery of the National Council on Negro Youth as sponsors of that organization was the name of a CHARLES S. JOHNSON, not further described.

Concerning the National Council on Negro Youth, the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

1. Among Communist and Communist-front organizations which have received funds from the American People's Fund, a "Communist financial enterprise." (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, p. 168.)

A bulletin of the Committee on Education of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., distributed in January, 1946 lists as a sponsor of the Committee one CHARLES S. JOHNSON, not further described.



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It is to be noted that the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On May 31, 1949 Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, furnished a copy of the final program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel March 25 through 27, 1949, under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions. One of the sponsors of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace was a Dr. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, not further described.

Concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, the following appears in a booklet entitled, "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

1. Cited as a Communist front. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held in New York City on March 25, 26, and 27, 1949, House Report No. 1954, April 26, 1950 (originally released April 19, 1949, p. 2.)

A program of a dinner held on April 17, 1943 at the Hotel Biltmore in New York under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, held as a tribute to the contributions of the foreign born to America, lists as a dinner sponsor a Dr. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, not further identified.

It is to be noted that the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant [ ] of unknown reliability, furnished a photostatic copy of a page from "New Africa," the official organ of the Council on African Affairs, dated October, 1945, which is headed, "Wide Endorsement of Council's Six-Point Program," and reads as follows:

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"To what extent did the proposals relating to Africa and the peace settlement, which the Council addressed to U.S. officials last month, accurately reflect American opinion? To get some answer to this question, the officers of the Council sent its statement, with a request for their reaction, to a limited number of representative leaders in labor, the church, higher education, civic organizations and government.

"The results of this restricted poll have confirmed the validity of the Council's recommendations. Replies are still coming in. We have listed here the endorsements received up to the time of going to press."

The list includes the name of Dr. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Fisk University.

It is to be noted that the Council on African Affairs has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The May 1, 1950 issue of the "New Republic" on page 21 contains an advertisement captioned, "Grapes of Wrath....Vintage 1950," by the National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc. This advertisement is a request for funds and lists as a member of the National Board a CHARLES S. JOHNSON as Vice President.

On May 2, 1944 Confidential Informant [ ] another governmental agency that conducts personnel and security investigations, advised that the newspaper "P.M." in its April 12, 1944 issue reported the Fifth Annual National Sharecroppers Week Dinner at the Hotel Commodore, New York, New York, on April 11, 1944. It was stated that CHARLES S. JOHNSON, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, discussed a revision of the existing laws in order to afford more protection to sharecroppers.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that the National Sharecroppers Week was held in New York City from March 1 to March 8, 1942. It was alleged to have been sponsored by the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. The National Sharecroppers Committee was also alleged to have been sponsored by the Workers Defense League, supra.

Confidential Informant [ ] of unknown reliability, advised in 1939 that the Workers Defense League announced that it is the "only

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organization authorized to solicit contributions for the Southern Tenant Farmers Union Defense Fund" and the "authorized local defense agency of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union." It also sponsored National Sharecroppers Week from March 1 to March 7.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that on March 2, 1943 the Robert Marshall Civil Liberties Foundation contributed \$500 to the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, and on December 4, 1943, contributed \$1,000.

Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised that the Robert Marshall Foundation has contributed considerable sums of money to various Communist front organizations.

Confidential Informant [ ] previously mentioned, advised in January, 1942 concerning Communist controlled or influenced organizations. [ ] stated that included in these Communist controlled organizations in the United States was the Southern Tenant Farmers Union, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Concerning the Workers Defense League, the following is to be noted:

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, Propaganda Activities, in its 1938 report, page 678, reported that "just as the Communist Party has its defense movement, the International Labor Defense, so has the Socialist Party the Workers Defense League. The latter organization was formed in May, 1936 by leading members of the Socialist Party. The Executive Committee of the League is....composed of Socialists and extreme left wingers."

The "Daily Worker," issue of December 16, 1944, contained an article by DOROTHY LOEB in which it was stated that "the League, which is solidly controlled by Trotskyites, Norman Thomas Socialists, and Social Democrats, has long established its direction. This can be summed up in the simple reminder that this is the organization that is leading a fight in behalf of the eighteen Minneapolis Trotskyites jailed under federal conviction for sedition."

The "Daily Worker" is a daily East Coast Communist newspaper.

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Confidential Informant [ ] of known reliability, advised in 1946 that the Workers Defense League was a front organization for the Norman Thomas Socialists.

The "New York Compass," issue of February 21, 1951, in a column headed "People," contains an article entitled, "Essex House Bars Dinner for Du Bois." This article states that a testimonial dinner sponsored by two hundred and fifty prominent Americans in honor of the eighty-third birthday of Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS, noted Negro scholar, scheduled for Friday night, had been forced out of the Essex House. Sponsors of the dinner included President CHARLES S. JOHNSON of Fisk University. The article further stated that the hotel's facilities were withdrawn ten days after Dr. DU BOIS was indicted for refusing to register the Peace Information Center, of which he was Chairman before it was disbanded last October, as a foreign agent.

The October 16, 1948 edition of "The Nation" contains an article entitled, "An Appeal to Reason and Conscience." This article stated that on June 8 the Board of Superintendents of the New York City schools closed the schools to "The Nation," "the oldest liberal magazine in the United States." It stated that the reason for the banning was "the publication by 'The Nation' in 1947 and 1948 of a series of articles by [ ] which described and criticized the official position of the Catholic Church in such matters as education, science, medicine, marriage and divorce, Democracy, and Fascism. The Board stated that there were passages in these articles which a Catholic would find objectionable on grounds of faith." The article printed a statement signed by "one hundred and seven prominent Americans" protesting this action, and amongst the list of signers was the name of a CHARLES S. JOHNSON, not further identified.

SA [ ] reviewed the "New York Times," issue of January 12, 1948, which contained an article datelined Washington, D.C., January 11, 1948, entitled, "Protection Asked in Loyalty Tests." The article stated, "Thirty-three public figures urge more safeguards on the Federal Review Board." The article was as follows:

"Thirty-three prominent Americans, protesting what they called inadequate safeguards in the current loyalty tests, joined in a letter released by the American Civil Liberties Union to [ ] of the Federal Employees Loyalty Review Board, urging the Board to use its influence

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to cut down the 'danger' of injustice inherent in the present wholesale check-up.' The petitioners held that the Board, while limited by power 'largely advisory,' could exercise a 'persuasive influence in establishing fair standards and practices throughout the Federal Service and in correcting what we believe are the defects of the order under which you operate.'"

Amongst those signing this article was CHARLES S. JOHNSON, President, Fisk University.

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SA [ ] caused a check to be made of the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York and no record was found for JOHNSON, [ ] or [ ]

SA [ ] caused a check to be made of the records of the New York City Police Department and no record was found for JOHNSON, [ ] or [ ]

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS:

[REDACTED] as reflected in NY file 100-17808, sub A, pages 112 and 1735, entitled, "INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

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[REDACTED] as reflected in NY file 100-93553, entitled, "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS, INTERNAL SECURITY - C."

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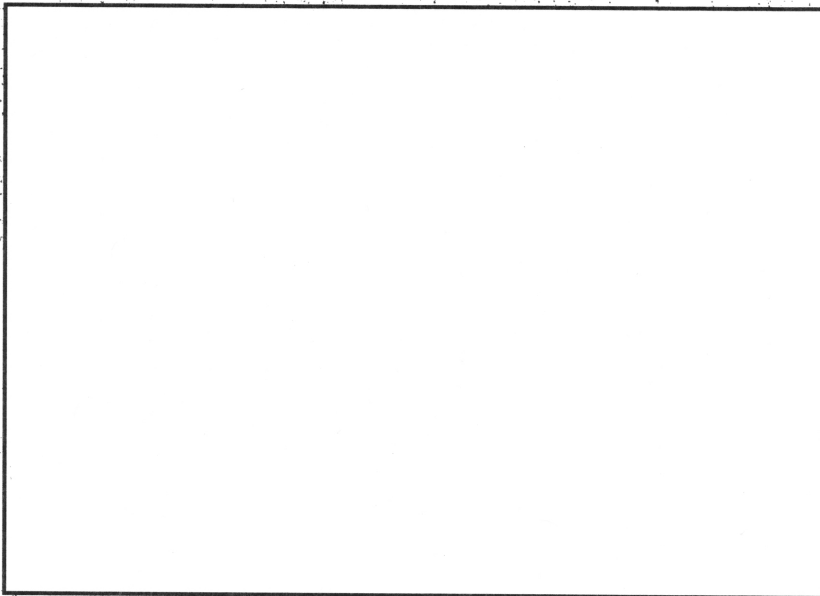
Information contained in pamphlets and periodicals lodged in the Miscellaneous Communist Material Files, New York Field Division, as reflected in NY file 77-6272 dated 7/14/43 at New York, entitled, "PAUL UNDERWOOD KELLOGG, EMPLOYEE INVESTIGATION - OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT."

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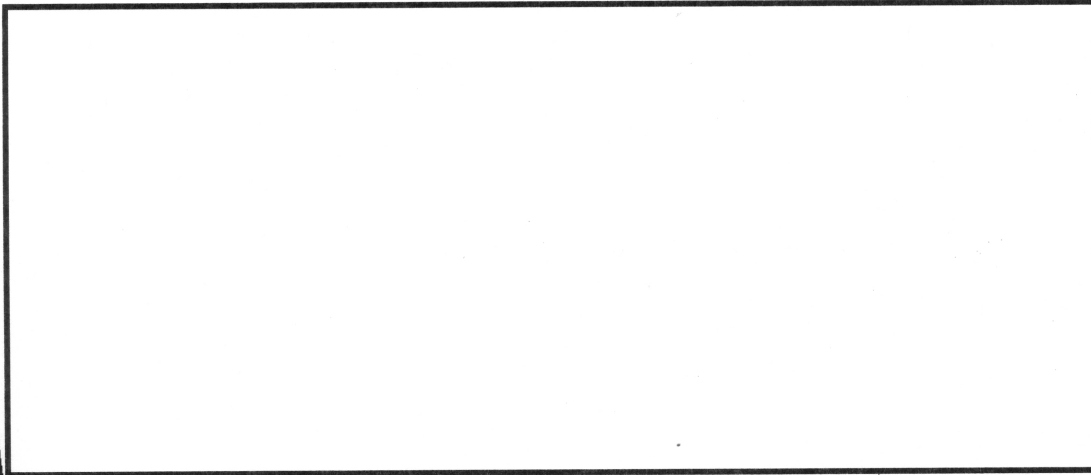
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (123-12551)

FROM : SAC, New York (123-8501)

SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
V O A  
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DATE: 1/14/52

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Re Bureau letter to Washington Field, 12/5/51.

Enclosed are an original and two copies of the report of  
SA [REDACTED] dated 1/14/52 at New York.

The Indices of the New York Office reflect a reference to a  
CHARLES S. JOHNSON in NY file 100-6906, "AMERICAN YOUTH FOR  
DEMOCRACY," serial 2224. However, the pertinent serial is not in  
the file and its present location is not known. In addition, the  
Indices contained file references to NY file 65-11827 and NY file  
66-1274, which files have not been located.

Reference is made also to NY memo to the Bureau dated 8/13/46  
re the American Preparatory Committee, Internal Security - C. This  
information reflects that Professor CHARLES S. JOHNSON of Fisk  
University was one of the sponsors of the American Preparatory  
Committee which sponsored a rally held on 7/9/46 to welcome the  
American delegation to the International Student Conference at  
Prague, to be held August 18 through 31, 1946. Since the Indices  
of the New York Office do not reflect any other information con-  
cerning the American Preparatory Committee, this information is  
not being reported.

NY file 100-80675 entitled, "CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, INTERNAL  
SECURITY - C," contains a three page mimeographed letter dated  
12/28/48 addressed to President TRUMAN containing a list of fifty  
persons as the authorized signers of this letter. One of these  
signers was Dr. CHARLES S. JOHNSON, President of Fisk University,  
Nashville, Tennessee. The letter is concerned with the civil  
rights legislation of President TRUMAN and the recommendations of  
the signers for its enactment. The letter was obtained from  
Confidential Informant [REDACTED] on 1/3/49 from the building  
at [REDACTED] New York City, which building was

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Dr. Charles S. Johnson  
Dept. of Social Science  
Fisk University  
Nashville, Tenn.

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Director, Dept. of Social Science

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Reply: Accepted April 7, 1938  
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E. Bristol, Va., '193. A.B., Va., Union U.,  
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Chicago, '18; Dir. of research and  
investigations, Chicago Urban League, '17-19;  
investigator negro migration for Carnegie  
Foundation, 1918; asso. exec. sec. Chicago  
Commn. on Race Relations, '19-21; dir. of  
research and investig. National Urban League,

REMARKS:

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CONTRIBUTIONS:

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"I have been for a long time  
interested in the work of this Council, and  
I am pleased to accept membership in it. I  
Hope to be able to follow its program closely."

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life, '23-'29; dir. dept. of social sciences  
Fisk U., since 1928; dir. Inst. of Race  
Relations, Swarthmore Coll. since '33.  
Served as regimental serj. maj. inf. U.S.A.,  
with A.E. F. in France. Awarded in the  
William E. Harmon gold medal for disting.  
achiev. among Negroes in science for year  
1930. Am. Mem. Comm. apptd. by League of  
Nations to investigate forced labor in  
Liberia, '30; and other coms. Trustee  
Rosenwald Fund, Bethune-Cookman Coll, Ency.  
of the Negro, Schomburg Negro Collections  
(N.Y. Public Library); mem. exec. com. Southern  
Commn. on Study of Lynching, Southern Sociol.  
Soc. Mem. Am. Sociol. Soc. (exec. com.), Social  
Science Research Council, N.E.A.

Editor:

Ebony and Topaz, '27

Co-author:

The Negro in Chicago, '22

Race Relations, '34

The Collapse of Cotton Tenancy, '35

Author:

The Negro in American Civil., '30

Econ. Status of the Negro, '33

Shadow of the Plantation, '34 The Negro Coll. Graduate '36.

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Date: January 25, 1952

~~SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL~~  
SPECIAL MESSENGERTo: Mr. Donald L. Nicholson  
Chief  
Division of Security  
Department of State  
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.~~SECRET~~

From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
SPECIAL INQUIRY, STATE DEPARTMENT  
Public Law 402, 80th Congress  
VOICE OF AMERICAThere are transmitted herewith <sup>nineteen</sup> reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person:

Reports covering the investigation conducted in this case will be furnished to the Civil Service Commission.

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TITLE CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80TH CONGRESS VOICE OF AMERICA

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Special Agent for this report only - RUC -  
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated January 4, 1952,  
at Washington, D. C.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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The files of the Investigations Division, Civil Service Commission, contain no additional pertinent information concerning the applicant.

The records of G-2, Department of the Army, were reviewed by Special Employee [REDACTED]. These files reflect no additional pertinent information concerning the applicant.

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Date: July 11, 1955

To: Mr. Kimball Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
Applicant  
United Nations Educational, Scientific,  
and Cultural Organization  
Paris, France  
LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There is enclosed herewith one copy of a United Nations loyalty form recently submitted concerning captioned individual under the provisions of Executive Order 10459. This form bears the notation, "Furnish CSC copies of each report of investigation conducted by FBI in this case."

Your attention is directed to my letter dated February 15, 1952, entitled, "Charles Spurgeon Johnson, Special Inquiry - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress, Voice of America." This letter transmitted reports of this Bureau's investigation for consideration under Executive Order 9835.

By letter dated June 4, 1952, the Loyalty Review Board advised that Mr. Johnson was "eligible on loyalty."

The files of this Bureau reveal no investigation in addition to the above.

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Letter to Mr. Kimbell Johnson  
Chief, Investigations Division  
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Our files reflect receipt of a newspaper entitled, "Festival," dated February 15, 1955, which appears to have been published by the International Preparatory Committee of the Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship which was scheduled to be held in Warsaw, Poland, from July 31, 1955, through August 14, 1955. This paper reflects the address of the International Preparatory Committee as Grojecka 17, Warsaw, Poland.

Page three, column one, sets forth what purports to be a part of a letter written by "Charles S. Johnson, Nashville University, USA." This letter is quoted as follows:

"I believe it would be useful for our students to have information regarding the Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students. Until now we have not taken part but we are now very interested not only in the development of the youth, but also in the friendship of all young people of the world."

It is noted that applicant's United Nations loyalty form shows employment at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

(100-233741-2 & 100-185087-1112)

The above newspaper indicates that this festival may be sponsored by the World Federation of Democratic Youth. This organization has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as follows:

"The AYD (American Youth for Democracy) is affiliated with the World Federation of Democratic Youth which was founded in London in November, 1945, by delegates from over fifty nations.... From the outset the World Federation of Democratic Youth demonstrated that it was far more interested in serving as a pressure group in behalf of Soviet foreign policy than it was in the specific problems of international youth.... So strong was the Communist domination at the London conference that it aroused the deepest concern of the English bishops."



**Letter to Mr. Kimbell Johnson**  
**Chief, Investigations Division**  
**U. S. Civil Service Commission**

It is also cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities "as one of the 'long established Soviet-controlled international organizations' which 'speak identical lines of propaganda and stand together on all phases of Soviet foreign policy' and which has 'affiliated organizations in the United States, which consequently have also been turned into instruments in the peace campaign!'"

Since it appears that Mr. Johnson is being considered for employment for a period of less than ninety days, and since the Commission is in possession of this Bureau's reports of investigation, further investigation will not be conducted under the United Nations loyalty program in the absence of a specific request from you.

The above is submitted for your information and should not be disseminated to unauthorized persons or agencies.

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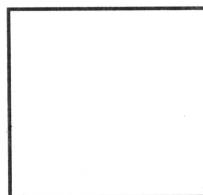
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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

Applicant

United Nations Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization

Paris, France

LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Buded: 9-16-55

Enclosed herewith for each office is a copy of the  
applicant's Identification and Personnel Data form, together  
with copies of other material furnished by CSC. Conduct  
full field investigation.

The applicant was previously investigated by the  
Bureau under Public Law 402 (VOA) in 1951. By memorandum  
dated June 4, 1952, the CSC advised that Johnson was "eligible  
on loyalty." As of that date he was on the President's Commission  
on the Health ~~and~~ of the Nation (Memphis 123-356, Washington  
Field Office 123-11651, New York 123-8501, Seattle 123-748,  
Savannah 123-327, Atlanta 123-581, Chicago 123-2206, Boston  
123-2925, Philadelphia 123-2674, Little Rock 123-246, Indianapolis  
123-713, St. Louis 123-4395, Birmingham 123-246, Mobile 123-379,  
Richmond 123-1113). (123-12551)

In bringing the previous investigation up to date,  
duplication of investigation is not necessary except where  
good judgment dictates. Data in the enclosed material should

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NOTE: Reports in previous case sent to Department  
2-15-52. Johnson notes numerous trips abroad,  
however, no extended residence abroad. Foreign  
investigation not believed warranted.

See ADDITIONAL NOTE, P. 2

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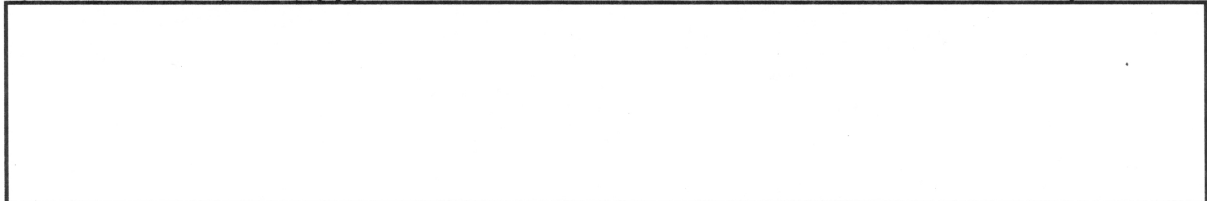
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Letter to SAC, Memphis

be thoroughly reviewed and all leads indicated therein not previously handled should be covered in the current investigation.

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Washington Field Office refer Boston air-tel 8-16-55, instant caption. Unless information requested by Boston has already been submitted by your office, desired data should be included in the current report.

Memphis report personal history and basis, including in the latter a statement to the effect that investigation in this case has been conducted at the specific request of the CSC.

Office indices and credit and criminal records should be checked concerning captioned individual's relatives who reside in the area covered by your field division. The results of these checks should be reported, even though negative. In the top right margin of the original of all communications to the Bureau, the phrase "Refer to Employees Security Section" should appear. The original and five copies of your report should be submitted to the Bureau. This case must be assigned to agents experienced in Security of Government Employees and applicant-type investigations and must receive immediate and efficient handling. The Buded must be met without fail.

NOTE: In July, 1955, CSC submitted "90 day employment" form on Johnson under EO 10459 (amendment to EO 10422, permitting CSC to conduct National Agency checks only in cases where employment will not exceed 90 days duration). On 7-11-55, Bu returned form by letter in which CSC was referred to reports of 1952, VOA case and to CSC's memo re disposition that case under EO 9835 - "Eligible on Loyalty." Let also refers to recent info in Bufiles re let to International Progressive Commission of Fifth World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship (1955) from (Charles S. Johnson, Nashville, University, USA.) (Johnson is affiliated with

Fisk University, Nashville). "World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship" cited by HCUA.

CSC has resubmitted this case for investigation, referring specifically to Bulet 7-11-55, to previous investigation and to info in CSC files "reflecting on subject's loyalty."

In view of second <sup>Referral</sup>~~reference~~, and since it is likely that position is "Internationally Recruited" (IR), Bureau having sole investigative responsibility, it is believed that we now have no alternative than to bring previous investigation up to date.

As noted above, Johnson used as source of info by Memphis.



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<b>UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION</b> <b>BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS</b> <b>WASHINGTON 25, D. C.</b>  <b>REFERRAL OF CASE TO FBI</b> <b>FOR INVESTIGATION</b>	<b>DATE</b> 8-15-55 <b>REPLY REFER TO CASE SERIAL NO.</b> (4)-24.55.758
<b>TO:</b>  Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.	<b>NAME</b> JOHNSON, Charles Spurgeon  <b>AGENCY</b> United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Organization  <b>AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> P. L. 298, 82ND CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION. <input type="checkbox"/> P. L. 920, 81ST CONGRESS, 2ND SESSION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXECUTIVE ORDERS 10422 AND 10459 <input type="checkbox"/> EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450

This case is referred to you for investigation in view of the information contained in the Basis For Referral specified below. Please furnish copies of your reports of investigation to this office in the regular manner.

## BASIS FOR REFERRAL:

- Charles A. Johnson*  
**CHARLES JOHNSON**  
*C. S. JOHNSON*
- ☒ FBI Files
  - ☐ CSC Security Investigations Index
  - ☒ CSC Reference Files
  - ☐ House Committee on Un-American Activities Files
  - ☐ Office of Naval Intelligence Files
  - ☐ Department of Army Files
  - ☐ Department of Air Force Files
  - ☐ Coast Guard Intelligence Files
  - ☐ Application Form, Personnel Security Questionnaire, or Standard Form 86
  - ☐ Confidential Inquiry Form(s)
  - ☐ Report of previous investigation. Copies attached as indicated under Enclosures.
  - ☐ Report of previous investigation. Report may be reviewed at the Office of Chief, Investigations Division. Arrangements for review may be made by telephoning Code 171, extension 2604.
  - ☐ Other (Specify)
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## REMARKS:

Your memorandum dated July 11, 1955, and the reports of investigation conducted by the FBI during 1951 and 1952 and the Commission's Reference Files contain information reflecting against the Subject's loyalty.

Confidential Informant ☐ mentioned in the Commission Report of R/S conducted at Washington, D. C. on July 6, 1955 is identified as the FBI.

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- ☐ CSC Form 257 with attachments.
  - ☐ Application Form, 2 copies of PSQ, or Standard Form 86
  - ☒ Copies of reports of previous investigation.
  - ☐ Form DI-17, DI-17A, or DI-34

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

(File 138-3218 )

DATE: 9/13/55

FROM : SAC, WF

(File 138-3042 )

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DATE 07-19-2007 BY AUC 60324/BAW/RS/lbc

CLASSIFICATION PER OGA LETTER

DATED 07-16-2007

SUBJECT: CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
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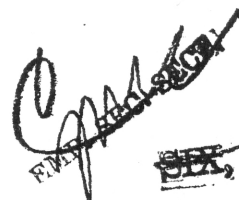
Date of Bureau deadline: 9/16/55

Reason for the delinquency:

~~State Security~~, and PP  
outstanding. P report in dictation.Date the report or necessary communication  
will reach the Bureau:Approx 9/23 or when agency checks  
completed.AEC zone designation, e.g., OR, CH, etc.:  
(This applies only to 116 cases.)

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No administrative action recommended.

  
FBI - NEW YORK  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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8/25/55

SAC BOSTON (138-997)

CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, UN

Re Boston airtel 8/16/55.

Boston airtel suggested WFO determine more detailed information concerning identity of CHARLES S. JOHNSON and establish if this person identical with CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON.

For the information of Boston, the Request for Information Data on the employee submitted in 1951 did not reflect employment or residence of the employee in the Washington area and there is no information available to WFO on which to predicate a decision that CHARLES S. JOHNSON is identical with CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON.

Furthermore, Boston's attention is directed to WFO letter dated 8/12/55 captioned Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, IS-C, wherein descriptive data on the organization is set forth. It is noted the WILPF has not been cited by HCUA or the AG and the significance of the name of one CHARLES S. JOHNSON as a sponsor of the 40th anniversary of the WILPF is not known to WFO and therefore is not being reported.

Further, the descriptive material in WFO letter of 8/12/55 on the WILPF does not appear suitable for an SGE report. In view of the above, no further action being taken by WFO. -RUC-

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KKY FROM:

SAC, BOSTON

AUGUST 16, 1955

10:30 PM

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, Applicant, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, France, UN. Budes August 19, 1955.

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Re Bureau airtel August 9, 1955, no copy Washington Field.

Referenced airtel refers to Boston letter to Director of July 29, 1955, advising that the name CHARLES S. JOHNSON appeared on a list of 40th anniversary sponsors of the Womens International League for Peace and Freedom to be held in Boston May 18, 1955, and stated that in response to a UN loyalty form submitted by CSC on captioned individual the Bureau referred CSC on July 11, 1955 to prior reports concerning JOHNSON under VOA program. WFO see your file under VOA.

Bureau airtel also states that in view of CSC's current interest in JOHNSON efforts should be made to determine whether the CHARLES S. JOHNSON mentioned above as a sponsor of the WILPF is identical with CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON previously investigated under VOA. Bureau requests that report, including appropriate documentation WILPF, be submitted under caption as set out initially in this airtel.

Boston files disclose that by letter dated August 8, 1955 (Bufile 61-1538) WFO was requested to furnish Boston and Bureau with appropriate documentation of WILPF, since national headquarters that organization located at Washington, DC.

On August 15, 1955, [ ] Informant who furnished information regarding sponsorship of the 40th anniversary WILPF, recontacted and advised no further information concerning CHARLES S. JOHNSON available.

WFO requested to determine more detailed information concerning identity of CHARLES S. JOHNSON and establish if this person identical with CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, previously investigated under VOA, and submit appropriate documentation of WILPF as requested in referenced Bureau airtel. Ruc

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Q. Tamm *277 look*

DATE: 8-25-55

FROM : A. Rosen *ARO*

SUBJECT:

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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON  
Applicant  
United Nations Educational, Scientific and  
Cultural Organization  
Paris, France  
LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
Buded: 9-15-55

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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Please search the name of the above individual through the records of the Identification Division and return this memorandum with a notation of your findings to the -

☒ Employees Security Section, Room 2256, Justice Building. (In SGE cases, if a record of arrest is found, please enclose, in addition to file copy, 1 copy of the Identification Record for each state in which arrests occurred.)

☐ Special Inquiry Section, Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Justice Building

The following identifying data, in addition to the name or names and the Government agency appearing in the title, are listed for your assistance:

Date and place of birth <b>July 24, 1893 Bristol, Virginia</b>	Previous Government employment
Military Service Number <b>ASN 3755536 (WW I)</b>	Last known address <b>1700 Meharry Boulevard Nashville, Tennessee</b>
If case opened on Security Form, date received (SGE cases only)	Civil Service Commission Case Number (SGE cases only) <b>(4)-24.55.758</b>
Other pertinent identifying data <b>Spouse: Marie Antoinette Burgette Johnson, 1894 SSN 414-50-1955</b> <b>JRS:mlb</b>	
Identification Division Reply <b>138-3218</b> <b>NOT RECORDED</b> <b>78 NOV 7 1955</b>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Based upon information furnished, no record located.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A noncriminal fingerprint record which is <del>identical</del> identical was located. This record was searched through the criminal files and no criminal record found.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The enclosed Identification Record IS or MAY BE identical with the record of the employee or applicant.</p>	

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Mr. A. Rosen

September 14,  
1955

Mr. C. H. Stanley

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[redacted]  
United Nations

This will record receipt of a telephone call at  
3:00 PM 9/13/55 from [redacted]  
[redacted] of the United Nations Loyalty Board. [redacted]  
[redacted] inquired as to when the Board might expect to receive  
the reports in the cases of [redacted]  
[redacted] and Charles S. Johnson.

At 3:15 PM, 9/13/55, [redacted] also telephoned  
and stated that he was particularly interested in receiving  
the status of the [redacted] case immediately if possible, inasmuch  
as he intended to discuss this case with his New York Office.

After checking, [redacted] was advised that we  
expected to complete the [redacted] case within two or three  
days and that the reports would be forwarded to her office  
promptly. With regard to the [redacted] case, she was informed  
that we expect to have the reports transmitted to the Civil  
Service Commission on Thursday or Friday of this week. With  
regard to the Charles S. Johnson case, [redacted] was informed  
that this case was still under investigation and that it was  
not possible at this time to state just when the investigation  
would be completed; however, the reports would be forwarded  
to the Civil Service Commission just as promptly as possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. The foregoing is for information.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

REFER TO **EMPLOYEES SECURITY SECTION**

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TITLE <b>CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON, Applicant, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris, France</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS-IR</b>

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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

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 former member National Council of Southern Negro Youth Congress reinterviewed 9-21-55 and furnished signed statement.  stated applicant was member of National Council of SNYC.  stated that Council did not have any meetings.  stated willing to appear before International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau air-tel to Birmingham, 9-19-55.

Report of SA  9-14-55, Birmingham, Ala.

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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

Applicant

United Nations Educational, Scientific  
and Cultural Organization  
Paris, France

LOYALTY OF EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS  
AND OTHER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Birmingham, Alabama  
September 21, 1955

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RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

[redacted]  
[redacted] was reinterviewed on September 21, 1955 concerning his knowledge of applicant's connection with the Southern Negro Youth Congress and furnished the following signed statement:

"Birmingham, Alabama  
September 21, 1955

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice. I am willing to testify before an International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board in the presence of the applicant and his counsel and be cross examined.

"I reside in [redacted]  
I am employed by the [redacted] as [redacted]  
[redacted]

"Sometime in 1940, I do not recall the exact date, a [redacted] made a speech at the Acipco Y.M.C.A. The speech was about the Southern Negro Youth Congress, an organization of which [redacted] appeared to be a leader. [redacted] in my opinion, was trying to get a donation from the Y.M.C.A. at Acipco for the S.N.Y.C. I might state that I had previously met [redacted] at a meeting at the Masonic Temple Building of S.N.Y.C. about 6 months before. I believe that [redacted] placed my name on the National Council of S.N.Y.C. I saw a copy of "Cavalcade," a magazine published by S.N.Y.C. and noticed that my name was listed as a member of the National Council.



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"Among other names listed on the National Council was the name of Charles S. Johnson of Fisk University. I recall that Johnson was interested in S.N.Y.C. and was considered on the National Council. The National Council did not have any meetings.

"I met Dr. Charles S. Johnson on one occasion at Birmingham when he brought the Fisk Jubilee Singers for a concert. I do not recall the date. I talked to Dr. Johnson upon this occasion but did not discuss the S.N.Y.C.

"I believe the names on the National Council were used as "bait" to secure other members for the S.N.Y.C. I did not know there were any Communists in the S.N.Y.C. until about 1948 when there were rumors in Birmingham that the S.N.Y.C. had some Communists as members and leaders.

"I believe that Dr. CHARLES S. JOHNSON is a loyal American citizen. I have never heard that he has been connected with the Communist Party at any time.

"I am willing to appear before an International Organizations Employees Loyalty Board.

"I have read the above statement and it is true.

(Signed)

Witness:-

Special Agent FBI  
Bham, Ala.

It is noted that  advised when originally interviewed in 1951 that he did not know applicant personally.  upon being reinterviewed September 21, 1955, advised he met applicant on one occasion in Birmingham.  pointed out upon being reinterviewed that he did not actually know applicant personally, but met him at the time mentioned when applicant brought the Fisk University Jubilee Singers to Birmingham.

The Southern Negro Youth Congress has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order #10450.

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The signed statement set forth in instant report was witnessed by only one Agent inasmuch as another Agent was not available at that time.

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